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DECEMBER 10, 1943

Mr. Abe Manley
71 Crawford Street,
Newark, N.J.

Dear Mr. Manley:

As owner of the Newark Eagles baseball club, I am sure that you are in a position to express your views concerning the entrance of colored baseball players into minor and major league competition.

Just what would be your reaction to the acceptance of qualified colored players into the framework of organized baseball, and how it would affect the present setup of colored organized baseball?

I would greatly appreciate your immediate

Almost all the capital invested in
Negro Baseball has been invested by Negroes.
It has been a uphill struggle to build it
up to the status it now enjoys. Needless to
say its future is of importance to most of the
race. I will be glad to discuss the matter
further with you. Thank you for your interest.

Very Truly Yours

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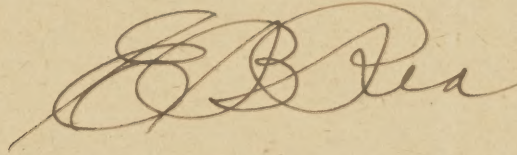
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replay regarding same as this will be the major topic among baseball interests until the opening of the forthcoming season.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "E.B. Rea". The signature is fluid and elegant, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

E.B. Rea,
AFRO SPORTS EDITOR.

Dear Mr. Dea

I am in receipt of your letter of Dec 1894
in which you ask me what my reaction
would be to the acceptance of qualified colored
players into the frame work of organizing baseball
and how it would affect the setup of colored
organized baseball.

I appreciate your letter very much
as it affords me an opportunity to ask some
questions from someone whom I assume is
fully informed about the matter. First of all
have formed no opinion until now, because there
is no idea what the plan is. Does it call for
the present organized negro Baseball acting as
farm teams for the white major leagues, or would
it mean, the white major leagues would scout
their own negro talent and send them to
their already established farms for training.
The answer to this question will go a long way toward
helping me to answer yours -